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The following patents, which are listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 are considered relevant prior art.

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3,743,581	P. Cady et al.	Jul. 3, 1973
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5,232,839	Eden et al.	Aug. 3, 1993
5,501,959	Lancaster et al.	March 26, 1996
6,395,506	Pitner et al.	May 28, 2002

Due consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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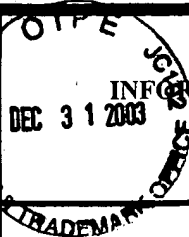
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